

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate containing a dissolved acidic gas (excluding hydrogen chloride).
2. (original): A (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate containing an acidic gas (excluding hydrogen chloride) forcedly dissolved in the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate in an amount sufficient for stabilizing the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate.
3. (original): The (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 1 or 2 in which the acidic gas is dissolved in an amount of not less than 20 ppm based on the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate.
4. (original): The (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 3 which has a hydrolyzable chlorine content of not more than 30 ppm based on the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate.
5. (original): The (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 4 which is prepared by using phosgene.
6. (currently amended): The (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 or 2 wherein the acidic gas is carbon dioxide.

7. (currently amended): The (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 or 2 wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is (meth)acryloyloxyethyl isocyanate.

8. (original): A process for stabilizing a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate, which process comprises forcedly dissolving an acidic gas (excluding hydrogen chloride) in the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate.

9. (original): The process for stabilizing a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 8 wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is a high purity (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate which is prepared by decreasing the amount of hydrolyzable chlorine with purification.

10. (original): The process for stabilizing a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 9 wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is prepared by using phosgene.

11. (original): The process for stabilizing a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to any one of claims 8 to 10 wherein the acidic gas is carbon dioxide.

12. (currently amended): The process for stabilizing a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to any one of claims 8 to ~~11~~ 10 wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is (meth)acryloyloxyethyl isocyanate.

13. (original): A process for preparing a stabilized (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate, which process comprises forcedly dissolving an acidic gas (excluding hydrogen chloride) in a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate.

14. (original): The process for preparing a stabilized (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 13, wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is a high purity (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate prepared by decreasing the amount of hydrolyzable chlorine with purification.

15. (original): The process for preparing a stabilized (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 14, wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is prepared by using phosgene.

16. (original): The process for preparing a stabilized (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate, according to any one of claims 13 to 15 wherein the acidic gas is carbon dioxide.

17. (currently amended): The process for preparing a stabilized (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate, according to any one of claims 13 to ~~16~~ 15 wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is (meth)acryloyloxyethyl isocyanate.